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In re Application of :  
Atsushi TABUCHI : Patent Art Unit: 2827  
Serial No.: 10/595,168 :  
Filed: March 16, 2006 :  
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Sir:

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Korean Patent Publication No. 2001-0005650 appears to disclose a method for synchronizing network nodes. U.S. Patent No. 6,128,318 is believed to be equivalent of Korean Patent Publication No. 2001-0005650. U.S. Patent No. 6,128,318 is cited in this IDS for the Examiner's convenience.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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